



FOOD FOR PEACE FACT SHEET

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Food Security Situation*

- Remnants of Liberia's 1989-2003 conflict can be seen throughout the country, including the 85 percent unemployment rate. War destroyed the country's health and education systems, severely diminished its agricultural capacity, and precipitated terrible water and sanitation conditions. Liberia is currently ranked 182 out of 187 countries in the 2011 UNDP Human Development Index.

- Threats to Liberia's food security include residual effects of war, population displacement, limited infrastructure, and poor sanitation and water quality. The recent conflict in Cote D'Ivoire brought tens of thousands of refugees into Liberia and further stressed the tenuous food security situation of host populations; many refugees are now returning voluntarily to Cote D'Ivoire.

- FEWS Net reports that food availability at the household level is increasing with the new rice harvest, and most households can meet their needs through May. However, poor households who took credit to buy food during the lean season and experienced low rice production this year will encounter food deficits.



Map: CIA World Factbook

Total Food for Peace Contributions

Fiscal Year 2012 (planned)	\$15 million	16,190 MT
Fiscal Year 2011	\$27.5 million	20,720 MT
Fiscal Year 2010	\$15.0 million	15,250 MT
Fiscal Year 2009	\$6.3 million	4,860 MT

Food for Peace Contribution Breakdown

Partners	FY 12		FY11			
	Development (Planned)		Emergency		Development	
	USD in millions	metric tons	USD in millions	metric tons	USD in millions	metric tons
Awardee	\$15.0	16,190	\$11.7	7,590	\$15.7	13,130

Food for Peace Program Details

Awardees: ACDI/VOCA; OIC International; World Food Program (WFP)

Targeted Beneficiaries: 304,600 food-insecure Liberians; Ivoirian refugees and vulnerable host populations (WFP)

Current Projects: Liberian Agricultural Upgrading, Nutrition and Child Health Program (LAUNCH) and Health, Agriculture, and Nutrition Development for Sustainability (HANDS) programs will increase availability of and access to food, improve food utilization, reduce chronic malnutrition of vulnerable women and children, improve care practices, and increase access to health services and education; WFP's EMOP provides emergency food assistance to Ivoirian refugees and host populations in north-central and south-eastern Liberia.

Project Locations: Bong, Nimba, Grand Geddeh, Maryland and River Gee counties

* FY: fiscal year; MT: metric tons; USD: United States Dollar

*Food Security Situation information is provided by FEWSNET as of December 2011.